

## You will need...

- Magic change bag ([check on Amazon](#)) and an item you'll vanish in it -
- Narrator
- Helper to play: soldier, centurion, passer-by, religious leader
- Big dice
- Football
- Bible
- Sword

## The story

Character/Actions	Lines
	Good morning, it is great to be here for this Assembly. My name is X, I'm here from X Church
Perform Magic trick with the bag. Get a variety of responses	Where is the (your selected item)?  I guess all of you have an idea where the (your selected item) is <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up my sleeve?</li> <li>• In my pocket?</li> <li>• In the bag?</li> <li>• Perhaps you think I really made it disappear.</li> </ul> It's possible for many different people to see the same things happen, but to all have a different idea of what is happening.

	<p>Easter is when Christians celebrate that Jesus died on a cross and rose again.                  Christians are people who have Jesus as the King of their lives, and we think Jesus dying and rising again is the most important thing that has ever happened in history.                  More important than the great fire of London, more important than England winning the world cup, even more important than Christmas.</p>
Slow	<p>But when Jesus was dying on a cross, not everyone thought it was so important. Today we're going to see what different people thought about it,                  I want you to decide who you agree with. Who do you think Jesus is?</p>
Actor comes on dressed in knight's robe with a dice and a robe	<p>What did all the different people who saw Jesus that day think?                  First, we see the BUSY SOLDIER, who put Jesus on the cross.                  And this is what they thought of Jesus dying...(Mark:15:24)</p>
Soldier: Roll dice	<p>Well, that's a good day's work. We've just got Jesus' robe, who wants it? Let's roll to see who can keep it. Highest number gets it.                  I win, great!</p>
Narrator: Pause	<p>For these soldiers, all they remember of that first Easter is Jesus' fancy robe. They just wanted to do their job. They see nothing special about Jesus. They'd seen it all before. He's just an ordinary man, no different to you or me. Is that what you think? Jesus is just an ordinary man?                  Second, we see THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS                  Let's look at what they say... (Mark 15:31-32).</p>

<p>Same actor comes on in a robe carrying a hefty Bible looking smug. Points to where Jesus would be</p>	<p>He saved others with all of his miracles, but he can't save himself. Come on then Jesus, come down now from the cross, then we'll know you're really special. Then we'll worship you... then you can be our King, until then you're a LOSER</p>
<p>Narrator:  Pause</p>	<p>These religious leaders are sure that they know the way to Heaven, and Jesus is not a part of it. As far as they're concerned, they already friends with God. They don't need Jesus, they're alright just the way they are. Do you agree with them?</p> <p>Thirdly we see the BLOKE WHO WAS JUST WALKING PAST.</p>
<p>Same actor comes on in a baseball cap, carrying a football</p>	<p>He heard Jesus praying to God and wondered what was going on. Let's see what he says... (Mark15:36)</p>
<p>Bloke walking past:</p>	<p>Hey, I think this Jesus bloke is calling to God. I reckon if we hang around, we might see a miracle. He did miracles, didn't he? What d'yer reckon, wouldn't that be cool?</p>
<p>Narrator:  Pause</p>	<p>This man just came for the show. He wanted to see God perform some amazing miracle and rescue Jesus. He has heard that Jesus did stuff that no one else could do, but he didn't care who Jesus was, he just wanted to see amazing stuff. Some people today know Jesus was different, perhaps he even did amazing stuff, but he doesn't matter today 2000 years later. Do you agree with them? Was Jesus special- different? But of no real use today.</p>
<p>Same actor comes on in a camouflage jacket and sword, looking tough</p>	<p>Lastly, there is, one other person who saw Jesus that first Easter. THE ROMAN CENTURION, one of the soldiers, stood there as Jesus died. He's a tough soldier who was a high-ranking officer. He had fought in many battles, but listen to what he said as he saw Jesus breath for the last time (Mark 15:39)</p>

Centurion:	Wow, surely this man was the son of God.
Narrator:	He had never met Jesus before but he thought Jesus was the Son of God. God himself who came down to earth as an ordinary man
Narrator: Pick up a prop as you remind them of each one Big dice  Big Bible  Football  Sword	Who did you agree with? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The busy soldier? He thought Jesus was an ordinary man.</li> <li>• The religious leader? He didn't need Jesus. He had his own way of getting to Heaven.</li> <li>• The bloke walking past? He knew Jesus was different, perhaps special, but not worth bothering with today</li> <li>• The tough centurion? He was amazed. He thought Jesus was the son of God- who came to be our King, who died to save and rose to rule forever. Wow!</li> </ul> Who do you agree with?
Pull out a Kinder surprise.	Do you remember the magic bag? We can all see the same thing and make completely different decisions. This Easter as you're eating your lovely chocolate egg, have a think, did Jesus really come to make Easter the best day ever?
	Let's pray